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2002 TREE CLIMBING CHAMPION NAMED

Utah's 2002 Tree Climbing Champion is Brian Getzelman, President of ArborcareArborscape, Inc. in Salt Lake City. Getzelman bested 18 other competitors and will now go on to compete in the International Tree Climbing Championship in Seattle, Washington.

This years Tree Climbing Championship was cosponsored by the Utah Community Forest Council, Utah Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture and Provo City. The tree climbing championship is held each year to test arborists on their knowledge of equipment and techniques required to safely climb and negotiate trees.

The competition consists of five events that test an individual's all-around knowledge of tree climbing; they are the work climb, aerial rescue, secured footlock, belayed speed climb and throwline. With the top four finishers in these events competing in a master's challenge to crown Utah's Champion. The competition was held in Provo City's Pioneer Park.

Top finishers after Getzelman were Dan Sankey, ArborcareArborscape, Inc.; Ben Campbell, ArborcareArborscape, Inc.; and Steve Stevens, Trees, Inc..

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